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Of the NEW DUNCIAD.

A LETTER *from a* Gentleman *in the* Temple, *to a* Lady *in the* Country.

MADAM,

IN Obedience to your Commands I tranſmit to you the following Sentiments on the *New Dunciad*, by which your Doubts concerning the Author will be remov'd; by the Quotations you will find, that only the nobleſt Genius and beſt Satiriſt of our Age, could, with ſo lively a Spirit, laſh the Follies and Vices of it. Mr. *P**** has been in this Piece equal to himſelf, tho' ſome of our Town Criticks will not allow it: The Cenſure they paſs is, That the *Satire* is too *allegorical*, and the *Characters* he has drawn are too *conceal'd*: That *real Names* ſhould have been inſerted inſtead of *fictitious* ones: In ſhort, that he ſhould have put on a Severity, which others would as heavily have cenſur'd. Some there are, who, at this *Criſis*, when the *Publick Dulneſs* of ten Years paſt is come under *Enquiry*, were in great Expectations of meeting with a *Political Satire*; but the ingenious Author has given the World only a Satire on *Modern Life*, and the Conduct of it in General; from the *School* to the *Univerſity*, from the *Univerſity* to *Travel*, from *Travel* into the various Branches of Dulneſs; in which *falſe Wits* and Men of *falſe Taſte*, *falſe Philoſophers* and Men of *falſe Religion*, exerciſe their Faculties. The Poet has not particulariz'd many Follies of your Sex; however, he has not paid them any Compliment, as he has made the *Sovereign* of *Dulneſs* a *Female*, coming in all the Majeſty of a Goddeſs, to deſtroy *Science* and *Learning*: But then he has given to your Sex ſome of the greateſt Excellencies human Nature is capable of poſſeſſing. The Deſcription of *Science*, *Wit*, &c. Captives at the Footſtool of Dulneſs, is a Picture ſo full of Imagery, that every Figure as much preſents itſelf to your View, as if drawn by the Pencil of *Le Brun*.

' Beneath her Footſtool *Science* groans in Chains,
' And *Wit* dreads Exile, Penalties and Pains;
' There foam'd rebellious *Logic*, gagg'd and bound,
' There ſtrip'd, fair *Rhet'ric*, languiſh'd on the Ground;
' *His* blunted Arms by Sophiſtry are born,
' And ſhameleſs *Billingſgate her* Robes adorn.
' *Morality*, by her falſe Guardians drawn,
' *Chicane* in Furs, and *Caſuiſtry* in Lawn,
' Gaſps, as they ſtraiten at each End the Cord,
' And dies when Dulneſs gives her Page the Word.
' Mad *Mathefis* alone was unconfin'd,
' Too mad for mere material Chains to bind,
' Now to pure Space lifts her extatic Stare,
' Now running round the Circle, finds it ſquare:
' But held in ten-fold Bonds the *Muſes* lie,
' Watch'd both by *Envy*'s and by *Flattery*'s Eye:
' Oft' to her Heart ſad *Tragedy* addreſs'd
' The Dagger, wont to pierce the Tyrant's Breaſt,
' Oft' her gay Siſter's Life and Spirit fled,
' But Hiſtory and Satire held their Head:
' Nor could'ſt thou, *Cheſterfield*, a Tear refuſe,
' Thou wept'ſt, and with thee wept each gentle Muſe.

The elegant Compliment paid to this diſtinguiſh'd Nobleman, is a juſt Tribute for the ſtrenuous Oppoſition he made to the Playhouſe Bill, which brought all Theatrical Performances under the arbitrary Power of a *Court-Licencer*: Since which the Publick has been entertain'd with nothing new but Buffoon Antticks and *French* Capers. As juſt as this Compliment is to one Peer, the Satire in the following Deſcription is as juſt on ſeveral others.

' When, lo! a Harlot-Form ſoft-gliding by,
' With mincing Step, ſmall Voice, and languid Eye;
' Foreign her Air, her Robes diſcordant Pride
' In Patch Work flutt'ring; and her Head aſide,
' By ſinging Peers upheld on either Hand,
' She tripp'd and laugh'd, too pretty, much to ſtand;
' Caſt on the proſtrate Nine a ſcornful Look,
' Then thus in quaint *Recitativo* ſpoke:
' *O Cara! Cara!* &c.

This Deſcription the Author in his Notes calls a detach'd Piece; but it is excellently introduced as a Satire, on hiring *Italians* to ſing detach'd Pieces of Compoſition, favourite Airs, and Sonatas, huddled into any Opera for want of a Compoſer. Here the Author again pays a due Tribute to Merit, by ſhewing how injudiciouſly our Connoiſeur-Subſcribers to Operas ſuffer'd Mr. *Handel* to go to *Ireland*, when they give more for bad, incoherent Compoſitions in *England*. What can be nobler than theſe Lines from the Mouth of the *Phantom* call'd *Opera*, in her Addreſs to *Dulneſs*!

' —Soon, ah! ſoon, Rebellion will commence,
' If Muſick meanly borrows Aid from Senſe.
' Strong in new Arms, lo! Giant *Handel* ſtands
' Like bold *Briareus*, with a hundred Hands,
' To ſtir, to rouſe, to ſhake the Soul, he comes;
' And *Jove*'s own Thunders follows *Mars*'s Drums!
' Arreſt him Empreſs, or you ſleep no more!——
' She heard, and drove him—to th' *Hibernian* Shore.

Though *Satire*, Madam, in its Name, carries a common Idea of Cenſure, not to ſay Spleen or Illnature; yet *Horace*, the beſt Satiriſt, in moſt Mens Opinions, took an Opportunity, amidſt his Ridicule of Folly and Vice, to introduce a Contraſt, and ſet up *Merit* and *Virtue* in Oppoſition to them: The intervening Light of thoſe were ſtrong enough for the *Shade* of the other. Our *Engliſh Horace* purſues this Method: Affected Learning, want of Publick Spirit, *&c.* are deſervedly expos'd; yet *Wyndham* and *Talbot*, *Friend*, *Alſop* and *Murray*, receive all the Oblations due to Men of refin'd Taſte, Learning and Merit.

A large Part of this Poem expoſes *flattering Dulneſs*, *cultivating miſtaken Talents*, *patronizing vile Scriblers*, *diſcouraging living Merit*, *ſetting up for Wits and Men of Taſte in* Arts *they underſtand not*.——As this is *Literary Hiſtory*, it is not ſo agreeable to the Generality of your Sex; but a ſhocking *Dulneſs*, which the Poet afterwards laſhes, every Lady, who has a Son at School, will be affected with. A haughty, pedantick, tyrannick School-maſter is a Character as odious and contemptible, as that of a humane, polite and learned one is amiable and worthy! Our Dramatick Poets have never introduced this Species of Humour on the Stage; yet I have often thought it would make no bad Farce, with proper Incidents. I would not lay the Scene in the School, for then it would become Tragedy; but the Character might be ſo repreſented as to expoſe ſeveral enormous Abſurdities which are attach'd to it. ——As Mr. *P*——'s Poem is full of Machinery you ſee all the Characters enter upon the Stage as living *Dramatis Perſonæ*, or deſcending or aſcending upon it, like Deities and Ghoſts at a Theatre.——Among Crowds of Dunces advancing to the Throne, the School-maſter is thus deſcribed:

' While, lo! a Spectre roſe, whoſe Index Hand
' Held forth the Virtue of a dreadful Wand;
' His beaver'd Brow a Birchen Garland bears,
' Dropping with Infant's Blood, and Mother's Tears.
' All Fleſh is humbled, Youth's bold Courage cools,
' Each, ſhudd'ring, owns the Genius of the Schools.
' The pale Boy-Senator yet tingling ſtands,
' And holds his Breeches cloſe with both his Hands.

In the Speech which this formidable Spectre makes, all the Errors of common Scholaſtick Education are pointed out: None are more ſtrongly or more juſtly mark'd, than that univerſal Rule in our beſt-modell'd *Schools* and *Royal Foundations*, of making all Boys make Verſes, as if we were to have a Nation of Rhymers, inſtead of Men of good Underſtanding. The *School-maſter* very humourouſly ſays of his Pupils,

' Whate'er the Talents, or howe'er deſign'd,
' We hang one jingling Padlock on the Mind;
' A Poet the firſt Day he dips his Quill;
' And what the laſt?—— A very Poet ſtill.
' Pity! the Charm works only in our Wall;
' Loſt! loſt! too ſoon, in yonder Houſe or Hall.
' There Truant *Wyndham* ev'ry Muſe gave o'er;
' There *Talbot* ſunk, and was a Wit no more!
' How ſweet an *Ovid*, *Murray* was our Boaſt;
' How many *Martials* were in *Pult'ney* loſt!

From this the Author introduces Remarks on *verbal* Criticiſm, and has very accurately depicted the *Hat*, *Form*, *Look*, and *Speech* of the Maſter of *Tr*——*Coll*—, *Cambridge*. A great Part of this Part of the Satire is loſt to moſt Readers, by not knowing the ſecret Hiſtory of the venerable *Ariſtarchus*, and his humble 'Squire *Walkerus*: Nor hath the profound *Scriblerus*, in his Notes, ſufficiently illuſtrated *Scipio Maffei*'s Remark, *De Compotationibus Academicis*.

From the Univerſity he changes the Scene to a modern, fine Gentleman with his travelling Tutor juſt arriv'd from his Tour; and the Doctor makes his *Exit* with,

' But wherefore waſte I Words! I ſee advance,
' Whore, Pupil, and lac'd Governor from *France*.

The learned Commentator on this Author has, contrary to modern Commentators, a Note worth tranſcribing;

' *Whore, Pupil, and lac'd Governor.*

' Some Criticks have objected to the Order here, ' being of Opinion that the Governor ſhould have ' the Precedence before the *Whore*, if not before the ' Pupil: But were he ſo plac'd, it might be thought ' to inſinuate, that the Governor led the Pupil to the ' Whore; and were the Pupil placed firſt, he might ' be ſuppos'd to lead the Governor to her. But our ' impartial Poet, as he is drawing their Pictures, repreſents them in the Order in which they are generally ' ſeen; namely, the Pupil between the Whore and the ' Governor; but placeth the Whore firſt, as ſhe uſually ' governs both the other.

Theſe Characteriſticks are very ſevere on our *Petit Maitres*, and their polite Governors who make the Tour of *Europe* only to glean every Vice and Folly they meet with; but I am ſorry to ſay the Poet has confin'd himſelf to Truth, and there have very lately been known ſuch Tutors and ſuch Pupils. The Speech of the Governor to *Dulneſs*, in Recommendation of his Charge, is a juſt Cenſure on modern Education; I ſhall quote only that Part which deſcribes his foreign Tour.

' Intrepid then o'er Seas and Lands he flew,
' *Europe* he ſaw, and *Europe* ſaw him too.
' There all *thy* Gifts and Graces we diſplay,
' *Thou*, only thou, directing all our way,
' To where the *Seine*, obſequious as ſhe runs,
' Pours at great *Bourbon*'s Feet her ſilken Sons:

' Or *Tyber*, now no longer *Roman*, rolls,
' Vain of *Italian* Arts, *Italian* Souls;
' To Isles of Fragrance, Lilly-silver'd Vales,
' Diffusing Languor in the panting Gales;
' To Lands of Singing, or of Dancing Slaves,
' Love-whisp'ring Woods, and Lute-resounding Waves.
' * But chief her Shrine where naked *Venus* keeps,
' And Cupids ride the Lyon of the Deeps:
' Led by my Hand, he saunter'd *Europe* round,
' And gather'd every Vice on Christian Ground;
' Saw every Court, heard every King declare,
' His Royal Sense of Op'ras and the Fair.
' The Stews and Palace equally explor'd,
' Intrigu'd with Glory, and with Spirit whor'd.

This is, to the Shame of our young Gentry be it spoke, too just a Description of their beginning and finishing their Travels; we have, however, some Exceptions, and some young Noblemen who have done an Honour to their Country *abroad*; and by acquiring a Knowledge of Men, of Commerce, of the Interests and Tempers of foreign Courts, with the different Policies of different Nations, will be of Service to their Country at *home*. Lord *Halifax*, in the House of Peers, and Lord *Quarendon*, in the Commons, are illustrious Examples for the young *British* Gentry: These have greatly serv'd their Country in the Senate, at a Time of Life when most others employ theirs in Pleasure and Libertinism.

* *Venice, whose Arms are a Flying Lyon.*

The Remaining Part of this Letter will be in our next.

The DOMESTICK INTELLIGENCER.

Monday, March 29. Parliament Coffee-House.

The Secret Committee is chose, after the Commissioners to examine the Ballot had sat from *Friday* Afternoon, to *Saturday* Four o'Clock in the Afternoon. People begin to have great Expectations from this Committee, and that the Enquiry will be carried on with great Zeal and Application: However, my Lord——O * * * 's Friends say, ' The more they ' enquire, the more they will find the Excellencies of ' his Adm—st—t—n.'——*They will, no doubt, find out* surprising Events, *both* publick *and* secret; *but what they may be, Time only can discover.*

Tuesday. Tilt-yard, Whitehall.

The Conversation of this Place turns on the *British* Troops going to *Flanders*: The Officers expect but short Warning to be given them; as yet they have received no Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to embark:——*It is whisper'd the Return of a Courier from* Versailles *will determine this Point.*

Yesterday Horatio Walpole, Esq; went by this Place in his Way to his Brother's Seat at *Houghton.*

Wednesday. Dick's, Temple-Bar.

It is reported that there will be a *N—tf—k Convention*, in which several late *Plenipotentiary Excellencies* will meet to form certain defensive Alliances.——*But their* Congresses *and* Negotiations *at Home may prove as ridiculous as those Abroad.*

Thursday, April 1. Cockpit, Whitehall.

Private Letters from the Earl of *O*——'s at *H—t—n* give an Account, that when the Cabinet Courier arriv'd there with News that a C——t—ee of En—ry was voted; my Lord, with great Impatience, cry'd out, ——' *Well, well, I know that would be; but by* what ' Majority *was it carried?* '— As soon as he heard it was by no more than seven,—*Then*, said he, in an Extasy! *I am safer than I thought; my Friends stand by me, and I'll go and keep them together.*——After which he retir'd to his Closet, and in a Quarter of an Hour dispatch'd an Express to *London.*——*People put various Interpretations on this Intelligence: Should the* E—— *return again among his* Friends *at W—stm—st—r, it will be an Event as will surprize the whole Nation.*

Friday Morning. St. James's Coffee-house.

Late last Night the Earl of *Orford* arriv'd at his House at *Chelsea* from *Houghton-Hall*, with a great Retinue.——*It is suppos'd to attend the Business of P—l—t.*

Lady Mary * * * * *'s Assembly.*

Politicks Foreign and Domestick are the Topicks of this as well as all other Assemblies. A Subscription for the *Queen* of *Hungary* has been propos'd here: Some Ladies are for having such a Part of the *Money* lost at *Gaming* appropriated for that Use: Others have offer'd one *Fourth* of their *Pin-Money*. Lady *Godly* has propos'd there should be *Charity Sermons* preach'd through the Kingdom: Miss *Pert* thinks it much better, if her *Majesty* of *Hungary* had a *Benefit Play* at *both* the *Theatres*, as there was for *Shakespear*'s Monument. Mr. *Freeman*'s Opinion being ask'd, reply'd,——*Ladies, all your Zeal is truly laudable*; but private Subscriptions *of any kind will be absurd. Should not a Sum of Money be rais'd worthy the* People *of* England *to* give, *or her* Hungarian *Majesty to* receive, *it will be a* Reproach *to* one, *and an* Affront *to the* other.——*The* King *and* Parliament *will assist her*; *therefore she will want no other* Support.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Madrid, March 13. The Court has been not a little startled at the News of Sir Robert Walpole's resigning his Places.——*It seems, then, he had some Friends there.*

Stockholm, March 14. There has been lately publish'd here, and in every other Port in the Kingdom, the strictest Injunctions to the Officers of the Crown, to search with the utmost Diligence all Barks and other Vessels outward bound, in order to prevent any Subject of Sweden from retiring into foreign Parts; which many are inclin'd to do in this critical Conjuncture, to avoid being inrolled in the Land or Sea Service. It is incredible what Industry is used in equipping and manning our Fleet, which is to put to Sea the latter End of next Month at farthest. There are already 8000 Seamen in Pay. The two great Prames (these are a sort of very flat-bottom'd Vessels used only by the Swedes and Danes) of a particular Contrivance, are fit to put to Sea, and are to be employ'd in the secret Expedition we are shortly to undertake.

The King within these few Days has laid an Embargo on all Merchant-ships in the Haven of Carelscroon, and all other Ports in the Kingdom. The Cessation of Arms between us and the Russians in Finland, will subsist no longer than the Month of May, and in case a Peace is not made by that Time, the War will break out again. As the Empress of Russia declar'd the Duke of Holstein Heir of that Empire, he is no longer thought of in the Light of Successor to our King; on the contrary, we have now cast our Eyes on a Prince of the House of Deuxponts, and it is said in the next General Dyet he will be declar'd Heir Apparent to this Crown.

Genoa, March 17. The six Gallies of Spain, that were in this Port, set sail the Day before yesterday for Antibes, to wait the Arrival there of the Infant Don Philip, and transport him into Italy. Yesterday an Express pass'd this Place in its way to Naples, with Advice that that Prince arriv'd the 10th Instant at Barcelona.

From General St. Ignon's Quarters at Retz in Austria, March 18. The 8th Instant the Hussars being inform'd that a Detachment of 170 Prussians was left at Auspitz, they march'd thither in all haste, and attack'd them so furiously that they kill'd about 50, and took 80 of them Prisoners. The same Day a Body of 400 Prussians was attack'd at Napadgell, by 600 Hanaques and Talpatsches, who kill'd above half of them, and put the rest to flight.

The 9th Capt. Hallasch, with only 20 Men, took a Convoy of 15 Waggons loaden with Salt.

The 12th 500 Hussars made an Incursion as far as Olmutz, and staid three Hours in the Suburbs, where they regaled themselves very well, and then departed, the Garrison not having given them the least Disturbance.

The 14th a Detachment of the Garrison of Brinn, sustain'd by a few Squadrons of Hussars, attack'd Count de Trusches-Waldbourg's Regiment near Lesch. Twenty Prussians were kill'd in the Engagement, and many more wounded. Our Men took from the Enemy 22 Waggons full of Baggage and a Field-Piece.

From the Head Quarters of the Austrian Army at Landshut in Bavaria, March 20. Pursuant to Orders from the Veldt-Marshal Kevenhuller Count Palfy has retired from before Straubingen, his Excellency not thinking that Place important enough to undertake the Siege of it, and that the Troops might be more usefully employ'd another Way. Before Count Palfy retired he broke down the Bridge on the Danube, and carried off all the Provisions and Cattle he found within 12 Miles round the Place: He likewise burnt down to the Ground several adjacent Villages.

Colonel Mentzel, with 2000 Hussars and Pandoures, has march'd into Swabia, and seiz'd upon a large Magazine erected at Brentz for the Bavarian Troops. Major-General Bernclau, with 6000 Hussars and Hungarian Volunteers, is actually marching into Swabia by another Route, in order to intercept the Reinforcements coming from France. General Stentz is likewise marching to Donawert. A vast Number of Timber Floats are getting ready at Munich. It seems that the principal Object of all these Movements is to hem in the Corps under the Command of Count Thoring, in order to prevent his joining the Succours from France, and at the same time to have an Eye to the Behaviour of the Troops that march'd out of Lintz.

Ratisbon, March 26. The 20th Instant, at Four o'Clock in the Morning, Major-General Bernclau enter'd the Bavarian Suburb call'd Stads-Am-Hoff, with three Regiments of Cuirassiers, and about Seven o'Clock a Hungarian Regiment of Horse likewise arriv'd. M. Bernclau demanded the Contributions agreed upon, and order'd his Troops to incommode the Inhabitants as little as possible: Immediately 2000 Florins were paid down, and 2000 more promised in 48 Hours. This General departed the 21st with his Detachment. We then hoped for a little Respite; but the same Afternoon several thousand Pandoures, Talpatsches, Hanagues, Valachians, Croatians, Warasdins, &c. some on Foot and some on Horseback, but all of a frightful Aspect, enter'd the said Suburb and the adjacent Villages: Most of them are cover'd with the Skins of Bears, Wolves, and other wild Beasts; their Arms are a Musket, a very broad Scimitar, a Sort of Knife made like a Bayonet, and a very heavy Club. After they had pillag'd all the Houses, as well as the Convents, they departed. They follow General Bernclau, who is going to post himself on the Route of the Succours coming from France.

IRELAND.

Galway, March 19. Yesterday Morning at Eight o'Clock came on the Trial of Mr. John Bodkin, for the Murder of his Brother, Dominick, by suffocating him in his Bed. It lasted 'till half an Hour after Nine at Night. It was a fair and full Trial; and about four Minutes after the Charge given to the Jury, they brought him in Guilty, and if it had not been so late at Night, he would have been carried straight from the Bar and executed. He was executed on Saturday last and confess'd the Fact. The same Day was executed Thomas Mc. Guire, who cut out the Eyes, Tongue, &c. of Mr. Michael Linch, of Loughrea.

Waterford, March 20. Capt. William Crotty was brought into Court on Thursday Morning, and prov'd to be the Person named in the Proclamation, and Out-law'd; he was immediately carried from the Dock, hang'd and quarter'd, his Head was cut off and fix'd on the County Gaol.

LONDON.

We hear from Leominster, in the County of Hereford, that the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for that Borough came on upon Monday the 29th of last Month. George Hanbury, Esq, *Brother to Charles Hanbury Williams, Esq; Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of that County, and Paymaster of the Marines*, immediately upon the Death of Mr. Calwall came to the Town, and offer'd himself as a Candidate for that Borough; but finding that no Methods he used could tempt the honest Inhabitants of the Town to espouse his Interest, he thought proper to retire before the Poll began; though he had been soliciting their Votes by himself and his Agents for some time before. The other Gentleman, *who declar'd himself a Candidate*, was Sir Robert Cornwall. The Inhabitants of the Town united, with the unanimous Voice and Interest of the neighbouring Gentlemen and Freeholders, to express their Detestation of *Bribery* and *Corruption*, and all indirect Influence, declared for Robert Harley, Esq; then in London, without any Application made to them from him; and, notwithstanding the open Bribery that was attempted at the

Election, the Numbers, upon the closing of the Poll, stood thus:

For Robert Harley, Esq; ——— 210
Sir Robert Cornwall ——— 101

This is publish'd to do that Honour to the Borough of Leominster which they so justly deserve; that so worthy an Example may animate other Electors to prefer their own *free Choice* to any corrupt Influence or mean Dependance; and to shew that whenever the Gentlemen, the Freeholders, and independant Electors in any Borough will unite, they must be superior to any other Power.

N. B. One Bach, who has for many Years valued himself for an Interest and *procuring Votes*, set himself up at this Election as a Candidate, and poll'd — 000.

Wednesday the Sheriff of the County of Surrey met at Guildford, according to his Adjournment of the County Court, and deliver'd to each Candidate a Copy of the Poll; but when Mr. Woodroffe and his Friends requir'd the Sheriff to adjourn his Court to a further short Day, (according to his Promise before made, in open Court, with the Concurrence of Lord Baltimore) to give the Candidates time to inspect into the Poll Book, in order to proceed on the Scrutiny which the Sheriff had before agreed to grant; he then thought proper to refuse the same, and therefore declar'd Lord Baltimore duly elected.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint John Vere, Esq; to be one of the Commissioners for the Receipt and Management of the Duties on Salt, in the room of William Wynde, Esq; deceas'd.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, upon the Views of the respective Companies of the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, has mark'd two hundred Men to be discharg'd, chiefly thro' Age or Infirmities, he having at the same time lower'd the Standard half an Inch.

The Officers of the Men of War, at their respective Rendezvouzes, have received Orders not to refuse able-bodied Landmen offering themselves to enter as Volunteers; but their Gangs are to impress none but Seamen.

The Right Hon. the Lord Limerick, Member of Parliament for Tavistock, is chosen Chairman of the Committee for enquiring into the Conduct of the Earl of Orford for ten Years past.

We hear the Committee to examine into the Conduct of the Earl of Orford will sit in the Temple Hall.

On Tuesday last John Pollen, Esq; an eminent Counsellor at Law, kiss'd his Majesty's Hand on his being appointed one of the Welch Judges, in the room of Henry Beeston, Esq; who has resign'd.

Wednesday Morning his Highness the Duke of Saxe-Gotha set out for Harwich, to embark there for Holland, on his Return home.

We hear the Sum of 10,000 l. will be given to the African Company, for the Repair of their Forts and Maintenance of their Factories on the Guinea Coast, without which that valuable Trade, 'tis fear'd, will be in danger of being lost.

Last Week Dr. James Hibbins, an eminent Physician at Mile-End-Green, was married at the Royal Chapel at Kensington, to Miss Chase, a Lady of excellent Accomplishments, and a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Last Week died at Harwich in Essex ——— Phillipson, Esq; Father to John Phillipson, Esq; Member of Parliament for that Town.

A few Days since died, aged about 87, at his Seat at Taversal in Nottinghamshire, Sir Francis Molineux, Bart. whose Ancestors enter'd England with William the Conqueror. He represented the County of Nottingham in the Reign of Queen Anne; and married Diana, Daughter of John How, of Langer-Castle in Nottinghamshire, Esq; and Sister to the late Scroop, Lord Viscount How, by whom he had seven Sons (five of whom are dead) and three Daughters, and is succeeded in Dignity and Estate, by his fifth, but eldest surviving Son, now Sir Charles Molineux, Bart. His eldest Daughter married John Plumtree, Esq; Member of Parliament for Nottingham; and his second Charles Crooke Lisle, of Moyles-Court in Hampshire, Esq;

Last Week died at his House on Tower-Hill, Capt. Henry Hoadley, Commander of the Royal Guardian, in the Service of the East-India Company. He was nearly related to the Bishop of Winchester, and was a Gentleman of universal good Character.

They write from Edinburgh, that on the 23d past died there, in a very advanced Age, the Lady Mary Agnew, Relict of Sir James Agnew, of Lochnaw, Bart. Sister to the late Earl of Eglinton.

Last Week died the Lady Ashburnham, Wife of Sir William Ashburnham, Bart. Daughter of the late Sir Nicholas Pelham, Knt. and Sister to Col. Pelham.

On Saturday last died, at her House in Marlborough-street, aged about 70 Years, the Right Hon. the Lady Lucy Vane: She was Daughter of William Jollife, of Careswell in the County of Stafford, Esq; Relict of the late Lord Viscount Vane, and Mother of the present.

Tuesday Morning, died after a short Illness, in the 36th Year of his Age, at his House near Soho-square, Addison Hutton, Doctor of Physick, of Queen's College, Oxford, Fellow of the College of Physicians in London, and of the Royal Society, and one of the Physicians of St. George's Hospital. He was Heir of the very antient Family of the Huttons, of Penrith in Cumberland, (who continued settled there many hundred Years, and were allied to some of the noblest Families in the North of England) being Great Grandson and Heir of Sir William Hutton, elder Brother of Sir Richard Hutton, Judge of the Common-Pleas in the Reign of King Charles I. He has left a Widow, (who is a Descendent in equal Degree of the same Family) but no Issue.

Wednesday Morning died Mrs. Elizabeth Green, a Maiden Gentlewoman, Sister to William Green, Esq; deceas'd, late an eminent Brewer in Westminster: She was a Gentlewoman of great Piety, and extensive Charity to the Poor.

The Rev. Mr. Green was lately presented to the Chaplainship of Chelsea-College, vacant by the Promotion of Dr. Ashburnham to the Deanery of Chichester.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury has given the Vicarage of Postling in Kent, to the Rev. John Jones, M. A. in the room of Mr. Robert Pain, deceas'd.

Tuesday, early in the Morning, the Second Lieutenant of the Victory Man of War was found dead, hanging on one of the Trees near the Reservoir in St. James's Green Park. He was genteely dress'd, and a Paper was found in his Pocket, which gave an Account who he was, and that he lodg'd near Temple-Bar; that several importunate Creditors, who he was not able to satisfy, occasion'd his fatal Catastrophe.

They write from York, that at the Assizes there, came on the Cause between Mr. Thomas Hill, a considerable Dealer in Cattle, Plaintiff, and the Hundred of Tickil and Strafford, Defendants, for the Recovery of 570 l. and upwards, which he was robb'd of sometime since, and for which Sum he had a Verdict the last Assizes: But a new Trial was order'd, and a Special Jury of Gentlemen appointed. After a Hearing of twelve Hours, wherein 40 Witnesses were examin'd on Behalf of the Plaintiff, a Verdict was given in his Favour for the said Sum and Costs. It was remarkable that the Plaintiff was shewn on the Table, tied with Cords, Hands and Feet, in the same manner as the Highwayman had bound him; and the Vicar who found him in that Condition, was also shewn on the Table, in Behalf of the Defendants, bound by his own Hands with a Rope, (but not so as the Plaintiff was bound) in order to convince the Jury that Mr. Hill might have so bound himself: But upon the Experiment this appear'd incredible and ridiculous; and the Holes in the Plaintiff's Coats by the Balls were mathematically demonstrated to be according to the Evidence given by the Plaintiff; so not the least Doubt appear'd of the Truth of the Robbery. 'Tis said the Hundred have spent 500 l. in defending these Causes, though the Plaintiff bears a fair Character, and Numbers of Gentlemen appear'd in his Favour.

Last Week Elizabeth Curtis, Elizabeth Mitchell, Samuel Brisco, William Hinton, Edmund Tomlin, and Jane Ball, where committed to Bridewell by Justice Jones; Anne James, and Francis Carver by Justice Frazier, all for hawking unstampt News-Papers.

Wednesday Sir John Strange, Recorder of the City, waited on his Majesty in Council, and made his Report of the Malefactors now under Condemnation in Newgate, when the eight following were order'd for Execution, viz.

Stephen Jenkins, for a Robbery on the Highway.
Jesse Walden, for a Burglary.
Christopher Jordon, for robbing Mr. Colt of a Hat and Wig, a Guinea, and other Things.

Condemn'd in January Sessions.

Alexander Affleck, for stealing a Shew Glass.
John Lowden, for picking the Pocket of Mr. William Page of a Silver Watch.
William Plummer, for a Forgery.
Robert Lloyd, for the Conspiracy to rob Messrs. Simpson and Ward, Bankers in Fleet-street. And
Morgan Nowland, for enlisting Thomas Meredith, as a Soldier in the French King's Service.

His Majesty at the same time was pleas'd to respite the Sentence of the three following, viz.

Joseph Pigg, for Sheep-stealing.
Eleanor Brown, for picking a Gentleman's Pocket.
And Margaret Burgess, for stealing a Silver Tankard from Mr. John Symmonds.

By Letters from Port Mahon, of the 7th of this Month, we have Advice, that Admiral Haddock had, at a full Council of War held the 5th Instant, resign'd the Command of the Fleet to Admiral Lestock; and that Admiral Lestock had order'd every Captain to hold himself in readiness to put to Sea, and to have all proper Necessaries on board for a ten Weeks Expedition.

On the 25th Instant his Majesty's Ship the Dolphin, Capt. Holburne, with the Lisbon Fleet under his Convoy, arriv'd at Falmouth, who in his Passage on the 6th, after she had been three Days in the Hands of a Spanish Privateer, re-took the Molly, Capt. Murphey, bound from Waterford to Madeira, which Vessel he sent into Kinsale, but the Captain was carried off by the Privateer.

A Vessel from Cork with Provisions, Sullivan, Master, is taken by the Spaniards and carried into St. Sebastian's.

The ———, Beaty, from Bristol for Lisbon, is sunk in her Passage by a Spanish Privateer.

The Phœnix, Power, bound from Ireland to America, is taken by the same Spanish Privateer of Bilboa, of 24 Carriage and 14 Swivel Guns, that took the Molly, Capt. Murphy, mention'd in our last, but had not the same good Fortune to be re-taken.

There are now in London 12 Commanders of Merchant Ships, and two Gentlemen Passengers, who had been taken, at different Times, by the Spaniards, and carried to St. Sebastian's; but who, by the Assistance of Money, have found Means to escape from thence. ——They all agree, that the English Seamen there are very ill us'd, not having any Allowance, not even Water, which they are oblig'd to buy, out of the Money granted them by his Majesty King George, and which they say is very regularly paid.

From the London Gazette.

Genoa, March 21. This Morning arriv'd a Person from Toulon in four Days, who reports, that the French Fleet are disarming, and the Spanish Ships careening.

Bruffels, March 31. The new Levies lately rais'd in the Austrian Netherlands being complete, her Hungarian Majesty's Troops in those Provinces amount to 24000 effective Men, and the Fortifications of Mons, Ath, and Charleroy, have been lately repair'd, and put into a good State of Defence,

Hambourg, April 3. We hear that the Empress of Russia is not only fix'd in a Resolution of not taking any more Strangers into her Service, but has a Design of dismissing those who are actually engag'd in it.

BANKRUPTS.

Rawlins Hillman, of the City of New Sarum, in the County of Wilts, Mercer.

Edward Everard the younger, late of Great Leighs in the County of Essex, Dealer in Corn and Chapman.

Richard Clough, of the City of York, Chapman.

Diseases and Casualties this Week.

Diseases. Aged 67 Consumption 116 Convulsion 141 Dropsy 20 Fever 107 Small-Pox 8 Teeth 43
Casualties. Bruised by a Fall 1 Drown'd 2 Excessive Drinking 3 Overlaid 1

Christen'd Males 144 Females 136 In all 280
Buried Males 316 Females 316 In all 632
Increas'd in the Burials this Week 10

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